

Senate Resolution 1025

By: Senator Douglas of the 17th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) and declaring Tuesday,
2 March 4, 2008, as AVID Day at the Capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) was developed by Ms.
4 Mary Catherine Swanson at Clairemont High School in 1980; and

5 WHEREAS, the program began as an elective class taken during the regular school day
6 where students were held to the highest standards and provided with academic and social
7 support; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1992, the AVID Center was established as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit
9 organization, and the program since has evolved into a fourth through twelfth grade system
10 that successfully prepares those students who fall within the academic median for college
11 eligibility; and

12 WHEREAS, beginning in one high school with 32 students, the AVID program has now
13 expanded to 45 states, 15 countries, and 3,500 school districts, impacting over 300,000
14 students, and

15 WHEREAS, AVID's systemic approach is designed to support students and educators as they
16 increase school-wide and district-wide learning and performance; and

17 WHEREAS, public sector funding, independent research, and AVID's own data shows that
18 AVID students are more likely to take Advance Placement classes, complete their college
19 eligibility requirements, and be accepted into four-year colleges; and

20 WHEREAS, AVID is in nine school districts and 47 schools in Georgia and impacts 10,000
21 students, and

1 WHEREAS, the students and school districts impacted by AVID in Georgia will experience
2 dramatic growth in the next three years, in large part due to public-private partnerships and
3 the generous financial investments of Mr. Eric Swartz and the Swartz Greater Atlanta Project
4 for Children of Hope.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
6 join together in recognizing the contributions of AVID to the community, state, and country,
7 and declare Tuesday, March 4, 2008, as AVID Day at the Capitol.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
9 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Mr. Kevin Harris and Mr. Eric Swartz.